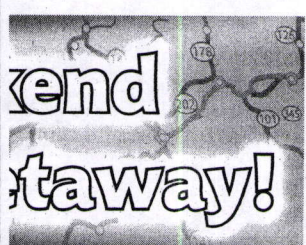


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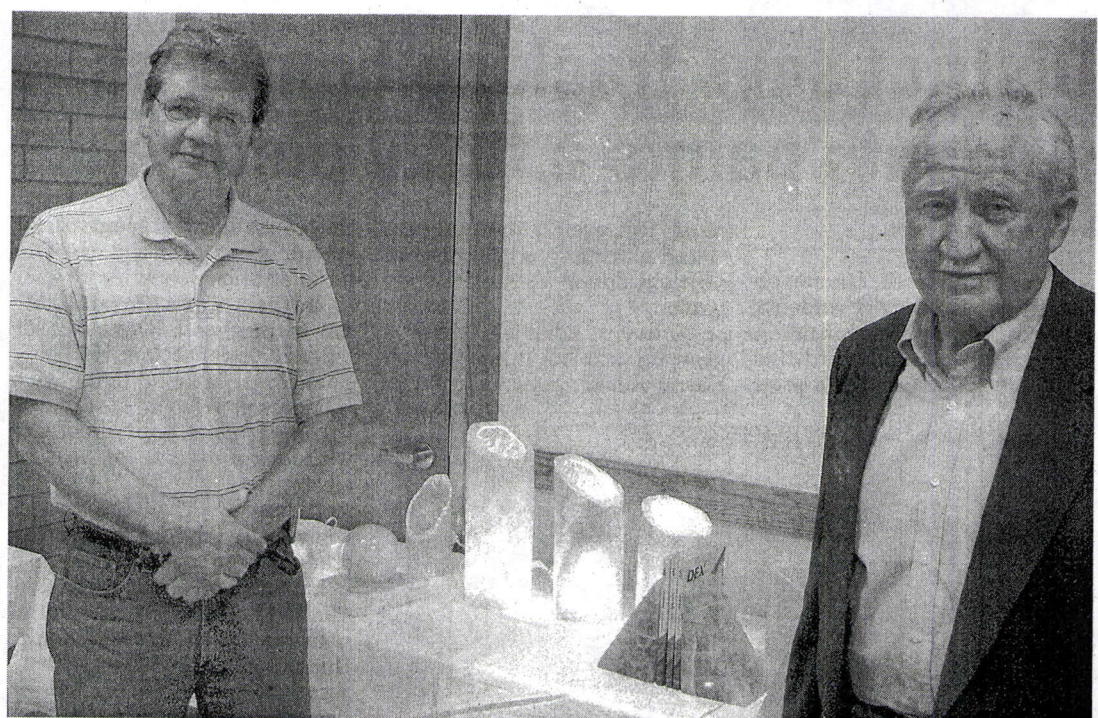
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Lacey Mieure proudly shows her certificate and medallion for perfect attendance in Gloria Jones' third grade class at Myton Elementary.



Dee Giles (left), general manager of Shamrock Mining, and Floyd Anderson, operations manager, have recently opened a production shop to carve the stone their company mines from the mountains above Hanna into artwork.

Shamrock Mining locally producing fine rock art

By Ranae Bangerter

A new type of gem with a surprising color and pattern emerged from the Duchesne County hills near Hanna 10 years ago, but it's been only recently that it's been crafted into artwork near the quarry.

The managers of Shamrock Mining came to the Crossroads Senior and Community Center in Roosevelt on May 23, and spoke to 45 people during the Duchesne County Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Displays of the yellow stone — known as honeycomb calcite — were set up for sale and presentation. Some of the displays contained electric lights underneath to illuminate the nearly translucent stone.

A unique form of calcite, the stone was discovered in 1995 by Floyd Anderson, now operations manager for Shamrock Mining,

but wasn't turned into artwork until 1997. Now, nearly a decade later, with help from new general manager Dee Giles, the company has built a new production shop just outside its quarry.

"The rock industry was totally new to me when I started a year ago in August," Giles said. "I love it. I love it. It's exciting and most everyone that sees (the stone) likes it."

The quarry, which was only accessible beginning in July last year because of snow, was open again last week with the help of construction equipment.

"We feel like we're now moving into a place where we are developing enough of a program, enough of a company, that we're going to be able to provide enough year round jobs and things to people who are interested in participating," Anderson told the luncheon attendees.

Giles said the company

wanted to extend the mining months beyond the summer, so he decided to start making something nearby. The company has since begun making decorative trinkets for anyone and anything, and selling them at the Hanna store and other places in Utah and around the world.

A Salt Lake City company that Shamrock Mining's work with will etch words or photos into the stone.

The displayed trinkets at the meeting included varying size balls and hollowed out cylinders with a candle inside. With its new equipment at the production shop near the quarry, and by sending raw materials out to other states and countries, Shamrock is able to carve just about anything out of the calcite.

"Stone carvers love our stone," Giles said. "They say it's easy to work with."

One of the stone carving company, Colors of the Wind, in San Antonio specializes in honeycomb calcite and has a Web Site with pictures of their carvings, lighting, and rock fountain. According to th site, the rocks' color ranges from "a soft, pale sunshine lemon yellow to a deep rich honey golden amber depending upon the thickness of the stone."

Giles said when they first started pulling the calcite out of the mountain most of it had the honeycomb pattern, but the deeper Shamrock digs, the company is discovering a darker yellow hue, called "amber onyx."

"It is somewhat fragile; it's a matter of learning the rock," Giles said. "Seeing the pictures, it's often referred to as being an onyx. You might have to epoxy it to make it stable, it's really considered to be like a marble."

Giles said Shamrock can also make the honeycomb calcite into lighted counter tops. An example can be found in Park City at the Jean Louis restaurant and bar. The counter top at the bar is L-shaped, and it is lit underneath.

"Anytime you can get light under it or behind it, it really stands out," Giles said.

More information about Shamrock Mining can be found from the company's Web Site at shamrockmining.com or by calling their office in Hanna at 848-5015.



students attending Gloria Jones' third grade class participated in a year-long reading incentive program. Students who well exceeded the 40-book requirement. Back row left to right: Brittany Chatwin, first place (185 books); Haelei Kettle, second place (150 books); and Dallin Richens, third place (110 books). Front row left to right: Corbon Sheppard, third place (105 books), and Courtney Gillman, fourth place (101 books). Students received trophies, Wilford Conetan's paintings, and all students received books, bookmarks and medallions.



The top third grade bird book winners in Gloria Jones' class at Myton Elementary proudly display their trophies. Back row left to right: Haelei Kettle and Courtney Gillman, first place winners. Front row left to right: Corbon Sheppard, second place, and Brittany Chatwin, third place.

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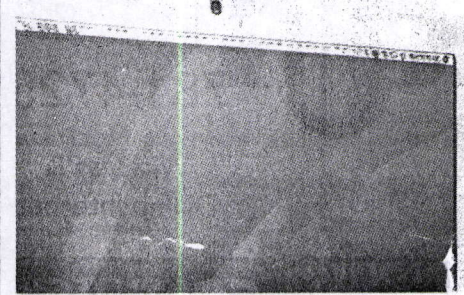
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